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For : UNIVERSAL ANGLE JIG

Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to the review of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have provided a separate marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes relative to the previous version of those claims (attached).

In the claims:

Please replace claims 4-7 with the following amended claims 4-7.

4. (Amended) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the reference ruler is provided with scale indicia used for indicating said angles to be obtained according to the position of said pivotal axis and said pivotal axis is provided with a mark used for pointing out a scale division corresponding to the position of said pivotal axis.

5. (Amended) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the reference ruler supports said pivotal axis so as to be freely slidable in

the direction of the diagonal line and comprises a guide groove having a width which is uniform throughout its entire length, and

wherein said pivotal axis has such a shape that it can slide in the guide groove without rattling.

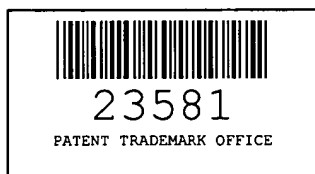
6. (Amended) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the first rulers, the second rulers and the reference ruler each have uniform width and thickness in a direction along the linear portion.

7. (Amended) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the pair of first rulers or the pair of second rulers respectively extend beyond their associated coupling point at which the pair of first rulers or the second rulers are coupled to each other.

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